The Editor's Notes

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Welcome to the introductory issue of **Home and Educational Computing!** In these pages you'll find a hint of what's to come in the months ahead. Our concept of a magazine is quite simple: we should be a source of useful, reliable information to users at all levels, from absolute beginner to most advanced. In each issue you'll find information valuable in learning to apply your computer in an ever greater variety of ways.

You're important to this magazine as a reader and contributor. We welcome your comments, suggestions, programs and articles. And please let us know what you think of the magazine.

On With The Notes

If you're already a VIC-20 owner, you may be experiencing some color problems. The units shipped, at least in the US, have experienced some variable amount of RF interference. Two things to try:

1. Reorient your VIC or modulator (as you would a portable TV antenna) to see if relative position improves your color.
2. Inside your VIC is a blue, variable resistor. This can be adjusted to vary color intensity. We strongly discourage this method for the novice, and recommend you ask your dealer for advice on "fine tuning" your color.

Our rumor mill says these problems will be corrected in the version of VIC that's fully FCC approved. These units, scheduled to begin shipment in late July or August, have an improved video circuit and better shielding. A modulator (for connection to your TV) will no longer be standard equipment. It will now cost you an extra $29.95. And that's the state of the color question at the moment. If your "Rainbow" machine isn't making rainbows, we suggest a heart to heart chat with your dealer. In our opinion Commodore should provide those of you with an "early model color problem" with a *cheerful* upgrade.

Where's Our Software?

Although Commodore has been expressing proper concern for getting support to all of you outside software vendors, our feedback from the field has been quite the reverse. Several of the established software houses have vented displeasure with the lack of support and information available from VIC headquarters. We'd like to hear from more software vendors, and to also hear from Commodore on plans to truly initiate some support.

New Products And Reviews

Next issue, we'll start our **New Products** section, bringing you timely information on the latest developments in the world of the VIC-20. You'll also enjoy our **Reviews** section; careful and fair analysis of new products, with the goal of helping you make informed buying decisions.